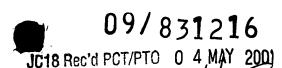
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments. Please calculate fees after entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 11-22 in lieu thereof.

--11. (New) A disinfecting agent for combating and inactivating phytopathogenic organisms that are present on plants and in the immediate environment of plants, said agent comprising at least one anionic surfactant, at least one aliphatic carboxylic acid, at